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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNEF PARTICIPATION BY URUGUAY

1. URUGUAYAN PERMREP GIAMBRUNO APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT TO RAISE QUESTION OF UNEF COMPOSITION. HE RECALLED THAT EARLIER URUGUAYAN READINESS TO FURNISH CONTINGENT FOR MIDDLE EAST FORCES HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY SOVIET OPPOSITION. NOW THAT PERUVIAN AND PANAMANIAN CONTINGENTS WERE BEING RECALLED, GIAMBRUNO THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT LATIN AMERICA BE REPRESENTED IN MIDDLE EAST FORCE. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S REACTION WOULD BE IN VIEW OF EARLIER REBUFF BUT HE WOULD BE DISPOSED TO RECOMMEND THAT URUGUAYAN OFFER CONTINGENT IF HE COULD BE ASSURED THAT URUGUAYANS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARIAT AND WOULD NOT MEET RENEWED SOVIET OPPOSITION.

2. HE ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SOUND OUT THE SITUATION AND TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER URUGUAYAN OFFER WOULD BE ACCEPTED. BENNETT EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH GIAMBRUNO'S POSITION, WHICH SEEMED A PERSONAL ONE AT THIS STAGE, AND SAID WE WOULD TRY TO GET HIM SOME INFORMATION.

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3. COMMENT: AS DEPT WILL RECALL, SOVIETS IN CONSULTATIONS

ON UNEF COMPOSITION VETOED URUGUAY. UN SECRETARIAT THEREFORE HAS NEVER GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO URUGUAY. WE SUSPECT IN FINAL ANALYSIS THAT USUN, NOT UN SECRETARIAT WHICH WOULD SURELY RECEIVE NEGATIVE RESPONSE, WOULD HAVE TO APPROACH SOVIETS ON THIS QUESTION.

4. SECRETARIAT (JONAH) TELLS US UN HAS RUN UP AGAINST BRICK WALL IN EFFORTS TO FIND LA CONTINGENT TO REPLACE PERU. LATINS, HE SAYS, WERE PUT OFF BY COMPLAINTS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE PROFITING FROM PEACEKEEPING, AND GLAMOR HAS IN ANY CASE GONE OUT OF MIDDLE EAST OPERATIONS. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR SYG TO TRY TO PERSUADE PERUVIANS TO STAY ON WHEN HE IS IN LIMA NEXT MONTH. FAILING THAT, JONAH FEELS URUGUAY MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE SOLD TO SOVIETS AS THE ONLY AVAILABLE LATIN. HOWEVER, HE FEARED SOVIETS RIPOSTE WOULD BE TO ASK WHETHER CUBA HAD BEEN TRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE WELCOME.
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